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BOLD BURGLARLY AT VESTA EARLY SATURDAY NIGHT

After Taking Savings of
Family, Fiend Strangles
Woman

BLOODHOUND TAKEN UP

Owing to Number That Had
Tracked Over Surface
Could Find No Clue

On Saturday night a most daring burglary was perpetrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Ikanen, a well to do Finnish family of Vesta, and the sum of \$360 was taken from a trunk in an upstairs room. The robbery took place at about ten o'clock, before the family had retired for the night. Mrs. Ikanen, who discovered the presence of the marauder was caught by him and strangled until she was unconscious, after which she was cast to the floor, to remain several minutes after his escape.

The Ikanen family kept boarders. Some of these together with the head of the house were sitting in the living room down stairs, when the burglary occurred. It is not known in what manner the man made his entrance, but it is supposed slipped in a side door and went up stairs at once. Mrs. Ikanen was in an adjoining room to where the trunk containing the savings was hid, but noticed no noise to indicate the entrance of any one in the room.

Having finished the little work which she was doing in her room, she opened the door to go down stairs, at the same time that the burglar was making his exit. She was frightened, but before she could utter a sound he had her by the throat and was rapidly choking her into insensibility. Having finished this brutal work, he sneaked out in presumably the same way he came.

Noticing his wife's continued absence in the upper chamber, Mr. Ikanen leaving his guests, went up the stairs, and almost stumbled over the prostrate form of the woman. He called others from the room below, and she was carried to a cot where with stimulants and water she was revived. She told her story and a search was made, but nothing could be found of the marauder. The entire amount that had been hidden in the trunk was discovered missing, but there were no evidences of anything else having been disturbed, showing that the thief, whoever he was had a knowledge of the place where the money was concealed.

Shortly after midnight the police of Charleroi were notified of the robbery and requested to bring the bloodhound.

The dog, O'Hagan, was taken up by policeman McEldowney, and W. H. Riggle. It was taken thoroughly over the ground, but it was impossible to establish any clues. Investigations will continue however by the police along the valley, who have been notified.

The man is described as small in stature, probably about 5 feet, 4 inches tall, weighing about 125 or 130 pounds, and wearing a black suit. Mrs. Ikanen says that he had a black face, but it is very possible that it was someone who had thus disguised himself to prevent discovery of his identity. It is this late theory that the police are working on. The evident knowledge of the man of where the savings of the household were

SOCIAL EVENTS OF CHARLEROI

Euchre and Dance.

St. Jerome's congregation will hold a euchre and dance Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, in Turner hall, corner McKean avenue and Seventh street. Great preparations are being made to make the affair one of the most pleasant social events of the season.

Some very handsome favors will be awarded at the euchre and will be placed on exhibition in J. W. Carrolls' drug store window about Wednesday of this week.

The following gentlemen have charge of the affair: Messrs. Patrick Connelly, John Riskey, Cornelius Minehan, George Bailey, Andrew Keifer, John W. Carroll, Albert Kanus, Edward Didat, Joseph Didat, Jr., Patric Aekton, and Patrick Fox. Refreshments can be had by any desiring same.

The L. C. B. A. will also take a prominent part in the affair.

Jenkins and his popular orchestra will furnish the music for the dancing.

Will Hold Social Session

Branch No. 782 of the L. C. B. A. will have a social session Wednesday evening after their meeting for which the leaders are making great preparations.

Music, games and euchre will be the diversions. Lunch will also be served. The married ladies are privileged to have their husbands, while the unmarried ladies can have their gentlemen friends.

A good time is anticipated.

Invitations For Dance.

Invitations for the second dance of the season of The Bachelor's club of Monessen has been issued, the affair to be given on Friday evening, February 19, in Kelly's hall, Monessen. Rutter's orchestra will furnish the music. The committee is composed of the following young men: J. I. Smith, G. J. Lambert, J. H. Finson, Carl Woodward and M. A. Herald.

Among the social events of the season was a prettily arranged valentine party given by Mrs. H. L. Pierce and Mrs. J. L. Pierce at their home, North Charleroi, Saturday evening. Five tables were used for cards and favors were awarded. The house was most attractively decorated with red and white hearts and carnations, the color scheme being carried out in the luncheon. A concealed Italian orchestra upon signal from the head table by the hostess furnished an excellent program.

Mrs. Charles Finkbeiner entertained on Saturday evening at her home on Washington avenue a number of young people at a Valentine party. There were about 35 guests present, many coming from out of town and it was a most enjoyable event. The house was nicely decorated with a profusion of red, heart-shaped cards and flowers. Among the principal features of the evening's entertainment was a post card contest. For the winners of this there were prizes awarded, both to the ladies and gentlemen. Another feature

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kept goes to prove that it was a countryman of the Ikanen family who committed the deed.

LARGEST IN VALLEY

Such Will be Berryman's
Store When Present Plans
Are Completed

ROOMS ON SECOND FLOOR FITTED UP

Extensive improvements are being made at the store of J. W. Berryman and Son, and the floor space is being increased, so that when his entire store is opened, it will be one of the largest if not the largest in the Monongahela Valley, this side of Pittsburgh. The carpet department is where there is being the greatest change, and the stock that will be carried in this popular store will in both quantity and quality be second to none in the valley.

By arrangements made recently the store will not only occupy the greatest part of the first floor of the Masonic building but will also have the largest part of the second floor. The rooms are now being fitted up in the second story and much of the carpet which will be carried in stock has been placed therein. The rooms occupied by the Berryman firm on the second floor of the building will be Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. This as can be readily seen will give a floor space that is not to be found in any carpet house in the valley.

The new part will be devoted exclusively to carpets and rugs, and an immense stock will be carried. There will be a room for the sewing and fitting, and everything will be most up-to-date. The manager of this department will be Mr. Clark, an experienced man in this work. An entrance has been cut from the cloak and millinery department on McKean avenue to the new section.

A portion of the McKean avenue building will be devoted to the millinery department. This will be in the front. At the back of this room which was formerly used for carpets, will be the cloak and coat department. There will be some general changes on the first floor, downstairs, but the departments will be practically the same.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF FIRST DEGREE

The First Degree was exemplified upon Charleroi and Fayette City members of the I. O. O. F. on Saturday evening at Fayette City. A big delegation of visitors were present and a most enjoyable time was had.

J. W. McKean has to vacate the room he has been located in for 14 years and he is offering his entire stock at cost.

Spoons at cost at McKean's. 1581



Wanda Rivers, as "Sunshine" in Tempest and Sunshine

CONSPIRACY CASE UP

Courts Will be Busy for
The Coming
Week

MUCH INTEREST IN LENHART CASE

Two cases are listed for trial in criminal court this week, conspiracy being the charge in both. Before Judge Taylor will be called this afternoon the case of the commonwealth against W. L. Lenhart charged with conspiracy. Before Judge McIlvaine will be called the case of the commonwealth against G. S. Fleming, M. J. West and Joseph Edwards, employees of the Vesta Coal company, near California. Mr. Fleming is in charge of the company store, Mr. West is a pay clerk and Mr. Edwards a mine boss. The private prosecutors are Charles Baum and August Baum. They allege the three defendants conspired to beat them out of some money due and owing them.

Everything is in readiness for the calling of the Lenhart trial this afternoon. It is expected that today will be taken up with securing a jury. Lenhart has been in Washington for the past week and in conference with his attorneys. Witnesses for the commonwealth have also been present ready for the calling of the case.

It is expected that it will take the greater part of the week.

When court adjourned on Saturday the jury was out in the case of the commonwealth against D. J. Wilkowski and Mrs. Wilkowski, charged with assault resulting from a dispute over the line fence. The jury agreed shortly after the noon hour Saturday and a sealed verdict will be returned this afternoon.

Dunn.

Monongahela, Feb. 15.—Justice of the Peace Daniel S. Dunn, one of the most widely known residents of Monongahela valley, died last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nannie Seacrist, Sunnyside. He was born in Westmoreland township on July 28, 1834, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lot Dunn.

He is survived by the following children: John W. Dunn, of Gallatin; Mrs. Ada Robison, of Douglass Hall; Mrs. Mary E. Titt, of Nelsonville, O., and Miss Nannie Seacrist, of Monongahela. Twenty grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive. The funeral will be held Monday at 10 a. m. and the interment will be made in the Monongahela cemetery.

Marzen.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marzen of 322 Fallonfield avenue died at the home yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment in the Charleroi cemetery.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS AT BLACK DIAMOND MINES

TWO WEDDINGS AND NINE ARRESTS MADE

Just because there was to be a marriage today of a Polish couple living on Lincoln avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, and the musicians for the dance to follow, were tuning up and the persons who had happened in for beforehand congratulations, simply couldn't keep from dancing, was the cause of five foreigners being arrested yesterday, and taken to the police station by Chief Albright and Officer Higgins. They got there just in time to see Burgess Hott, and he after hearing their woes, sentenced them each to pay \$1 and costs.

A wedding occurred on Saturday night at a house on McKean avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, and of course the dance followed after. Being in unusually exuberant spirits, four members of the wedding party stepped outside to indulge in a little scrap, only to be taken by the police, Chief Albright and Officer Higgins. They were brought to the station house and upon the leaving of a force of 35 were let off until tonight. Their names are John Polshinski, John Stancio, Mike Castolasky and Frank Marcinovitch, all Polish. The former two are said to be "bad men," and one of them has served a term for the stabbing of a man sometime ago.

CHARLEROI BOY TO JOIN THE MARINES

Ora Anderson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Anderson of Crest avenue has left for Philadelphia, where he will become a marine. Mr. Anderson will train for a gunner. At present he is located in the barracks at Philadelphia, but in the course of a month or so expects to be placed on a boat. It is likely that Mr. Anderson will be in Washington by the Fourth of March to attend the inauguration of President Taft.

RECORD SHIPMENT OF EXPRESS MADE TODAY

A record shipment was made this morning by the local express office, when there was 13,132 pounds of meat sent on the 8:18 train for up river points. This is the distribution office of both the Cudahy and Armour firms, and the shipments of meat are heavy on Mondays and Fridays, but never was there a single shipment so heavy as that of this morning. The loading of the express at this train held it up for several minutes.

The Best on the Road.

Tonight at the Coyle theatre will appear the best and the most talked of burlesque on the road. This is "The Strolling Players" and "The Golden Crook", two burlesques in one. The show will be replete with magnificent costumes, and pretty girls, and best but not last the original "She," a dancer of ability and note. The production was given at Monessen on Saturday night and listened to by a large audience.

J. W. McKean is closing out his stock of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry at cost.

One of the New Entries to be
Made at Lock No.
Four

MUCH NEW MACHINERY

New Stein Fan to be Run
by Boswell Engines to
be Used

At the Black Diamond mine of the Monongahela Coke company, extensive improvements are being made, which when completed will make the workings up-to-date in every possible manner and second to none in the valley. The work is under the able directions of Superintendent Mathew Herron and Mine Foreman Charles Johnson.

A large new eight foot Stein fan will be installed and will be run by steam power, furnished from a Boswell engine. This fan will be located at Lock No. 4. The entry which was recently dug near Lock No. 4 was pushed to the daylight. There will be three main splits to this entry with three intakes, to be located at Lock No. 4, at Eldora Park, near the street car line and at Room 13, of the 74th entry. The new Stein fan will work in conjunction with the present big air maker and when completed the air will be carried to every part of the mine by overcasts, which will eliminate all doors. This will do much to prevent accidents and will make the mine much safer.

Men are at work putting in forty-one concrete stoppings to take the place of present brattice boards in various parts of the mine and when these are completed there will be but few brattice boards in the mine.

MONROE MARKLEY LECTURE TONIGHT

Of Monroe Markley who is to be at the School hall tonight on the High School course the Genesee (Ill.) Republican has the following to say:

Nothing in years has received such unanimous and enthusiastic words of praise as the lecture on "Harp Strings and Heart Stings" which was delivered here by Monroe Markley, D. D., last Friday evening. The speaker has a magnetism of manner and command of expressive and picturesque language which charmed the great audience which had assembled to hear him. The philosophy of life which pervaded the lecture is rich and sane and sweet, and sends his hearers home with happier hearts and higher ideals.

Second Sunday Lecture.

The second Sunday Lecture given by the Socialist party of Charleroi at the Co-Operative hall yesterday was on "Child Labor," by J. Schwartz a local socialist. The needlessness of child labor, its prevalence and its bearing on the social and economic questions were discussed. A goodly number attended.

If you need a good clock, now is the time to buy at wholesale price at McKean's.

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Feb. 15 in History.
1895—Destruction of the captive United States frigate Philadelphia in the harbor of Tripoli by a body of picked men from the American fleet.

1898—The United States battleship Maine wrecked by a mysterious explosion in the harbor of Havana, 2 officers and 264 of the crew lost their lives.

1904—Mark A. Hanna, United States senator from Ohio, died in Washington; born 1827.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.
Sun sets 5:30, rises 6:17; moon rises 3:50 a. m.; 3:25 p. m., moon in conjunction with Mars, its center passing only one minute of arc south of the center of Mars.

GOOD EVENING.

To bring a child to the relation of the divine nature within him seems to me to be the highest duty of parents and educators.—Canning.

By What Right?

It seems to us they do some mighty funny and strange things over there at the county seat, and with all that there are some tremendously funny and strange people who acknowledge that town as their residence. Among other things that is noticeable is the mighty will with which some of the "Scabs" seemingly wish to rule things. The other day a man was admitted to bail for \$600 when it had originally been placed by a justice of the peace of Charleroi at \$1000. As we interpret the law this was certainly wrong, and there was no one but the justice himself that could lawfully change the bail, yet this man's bond was changed. His trial came up, but he failed to appear. Some of the officials are blamed partially for this, for it was stated that he could not have raised the necessary wherewithal to get bond of the \$1,000, and would have had to remain in jail. This among other things is very noticeable.

In another matter of which we wish to speak, Washington county is not altogether alone. This is the finding of a person not guilty of some crime, but at the same time ordering him to pay the costs. This is the same thing as saying "Not guilty but be careful not to do it again." If this is justice, we fail to interpret the word rightly. Of course the constables and other officials want to get their fees, but the court declares a man not guilty, what right has anyone to assess the costs on him. That in our opinion is one of the evils of the system of the Washington county courts, as well as others which follow the same precedent, and we are entirely unable to see any excuse for it. We should say rather "If a man's not guilty, he's not guilty, that's all."

Reminiscences of Bad Band.

There has been a gang of burglars operating in the vicinity of Brownsville in the past few weeks, and from the latest evidence at hand they live in a cave near Brownsville. This

puts one in mind of the renowned White Rocks of Fayette county where there is said to have lived years ago in a cave, an organized band of thieves, who made trips to the river, and towns in Western Pennsylvania and committed robberies, as well as highwaymen acts. They did not even stop to murder, if they could not gain their desires in any other way.

The band which is infesting the towns along the valley is seemingly well organized, and evidence is hard to find against them. The state police are working hard, and it is for such things that they are employed by the taxpayers. If they locate the evil doers, and convict them, more then the Brownsville residents will rejoice.

Electric Sparks

While making plans for the levying of heavier taxes in order to meet the state's growing expenses, the legislature is getting ready to appropriate \$1,000 to take itself down to Washington for the inauguration. Uh huh.

Carnegie has been elected president of the Optimist club. Almost any man would be an optimist if he had a few hundred millions in his jeans.

One eminent scientist puts the maximum age of the earth at 100,000,000 years; another at 15,000,000,000. But, then, after you have passed the first hundred millions a little matter of 14,900,000,000 more is not hard to swallow.

London is to have the opportunity next month to trade in a department store. By industry London may in time hope to be fully up to date.

A Connecticut woman dying, left \$40,000 to her horses, dogs and cats, instead of her husband. Well, if legacies were based strictly on moral equities, there'd be a lot more dogs with gold collars and a lot more men with celluloid ones.

President-elect Taft seems to have obtained very positive information that the Panama Canal panic-mongers don't know what they're talking about.

In the agitation over immoral stage performances it might be worth while to remember that an effective way to suppress them is to stay away from them.

The Emperor of Germany and King of England have clasped hands and kissed each other; but they keep on building battleships just the same.

Mrs. Russell Sage has sacrificed a house to save a tree. Sentiment of this nature has no weight in subway construction on upper Broadway. A favorite is a horse that invariably wins when you don't bet on him.

The boy who runs away from home is always a hero until he comes back. About the only people who don't quarrel over religion are the people who haven't any.

It's a good plan to keep your trouble to yourself until you meet some fellow who is looking for it.

Many martial difficulties can be traced to the fact that it is easier to tell a little lie than to answer a lot of questions.

Letter to S. K. Leonard Livery Co.
Charleroi, Pa.

Dear Sir:
We've got \$15 for you. Is it time to paint that house? Let us give you a point. The cost of a job of paint depends on the paint—of course, we assume your painter is honest, or what's the same thing, that your eyes are good.

If you paint with one paint, it'll take 10 gallons, say 10 for ease of reckoning, that proportion.

Paint with another, 15 gallons; another 20 gallons.

Here's a man who has found out by using it:

Jacob N. Hayes, of Bloomingdale, N. Y., used eight gallons Devco on a job he had used 14 gallons of another paint on last time.

You think he saved 6 gallons of paint, \$10.50. No, he saved also the wages for painting 6 gallons; that's about 20 more; And that isn't all. The paint that saves six gallons wastes longer than paint that wastes six gallons. We don't know how much longer.

We rather think this letter is worth about \$60 to you.
Yours truly
F. W. DEVCO and CO
Buckholdt Hardware Co sells our paint.

SOCIAL EVENTS

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was a guessing contest. For this there were beautiful prizes awarded also. Musical numbers figured largely in the entertainment of the evening. Solos were rendered by Messrs. Doss James, John Condon and John James. Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. James, Graham, Mrs. John Manes and Mrs. Doss James.

Favors were awarded each guest. The out-of-town guests were Misses Elizabeth O'Hara of Scotland; Dora and Ella Brown, of Beaver Falls, and Martha Schaeffer of Luttrell; Messrs. John Currow, Frank Deitz, George Spangney, of Luttrell; John Condon and John James of Donora; Roy Richards, of Wilkesburg; Elgy Tobin, of Roscoe; Charles Dugan, of Monessen; Stanley Markell, Monongahela.

Petroleum Forty Centuries Old.
Though it is only within recent times that petroleum has become an article of commerce, there is abundant proof that it was used in the arts 40 centuries ago. The mortar used in constructing the walls of Nineveh and Babylon had petroleum mixed with it for the purpose of securing greater cohesion and excluding dampness. Traces of the bituminous matter are very distinct in the ruins, and the existence of petroleum springs at Is, some hundred and twenty miles from old Babylon, indicates one source of the supply. In the ancient history of several eastern countries allusion is made in unmistakable terms to the existence of petroleum springs.—New York American.

Word Curiosities.
An interesting word group in which the entire alphabet is put into seven words, and only 32 letters are used, is "Burst, fed, jungle, quip, vim, hack, zyxomma." This is the smallest number of words that the alphabet can be included in.
Two intelligible sentences, however, of eight words and 32 letters apiece have been found. They are:
"Quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog."
"Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs."
The first sentence is often used in testing the types on typewriters, on account of the shortness and the fact that it includes every letter and has the advantage of making sense.—New York Press

Guarding Bank of France.
Like the Bank of England, the Bank of France is now guarded every night by soldiers. But within quite recent time the officials at the French bank resorted to a very novel method of protecting their bullion.
This consisted in engaging masons to wall up the doors of the vaults in the cellar with hydraulic mortar as soon as the money was deposited each day in these receptacles. The water was then turned on and kept running until the whole cellar was flooded. A burglar would be obliged to work in a diving suit and break down a cement wall before he could even begin to plunder the vaults.

When the bank officials arrived next morning the water was drawn off, the masonry torn down and the vaults opened.

Sad-Colored Food.
Now that it has been discovered, or rediscovered, by an eminent physician that the colors of food have much to do with the appetite, a woman in town who is known for her novel entertainments is going to give a luncheon where all the dishes will be bright and cheerful in tone. There will be no overdone roasts at this repast. A London gastronomic expert, preaching along the Pittsburgh doctor's lines, says: "Persons naturally avoid sombre colored food. As an instance, a man will come home to dinner and see a gray-colored, overdone leg of mutton before him. He won't touch it. It is not the meat, but the color, which has turned him against the food. The same man will see a piece of red, underdone beef, and he fancies it at once. He is attracted by the color."

Caves of a Cannibal Race.
Strange evidences of cannibalism have been brought to light with the recent opening up of caves at One Tree Hill, Maungakiekie, New South Wales, and another link has been added to the chain of interest encircling this celebrated spot.
In one cave great piles of human bone have been discovered, mixed up indiscriminately and thrown down in one huge chaotic heap. These bones belonged to victims taken by the Maoris in battle and slaughtered for cannibal purposes. Then they were dropped down the funnel-shaped mouth of the cave into darkness and oblivion.

Library of Wooden Books.
A private library of quite a unique character is composed solely of 600 wooden books. The collection has been made from the wood of different trees growing in the park attached to the chateau of Wilhelmshöhe. At the back of each book is a tablet in red morocco indicating the name of the tree from which the volume has been made, and the two covers are lightly polished. Inside the book the complete natural history of the tree is detailed. The collection, which is at Cassel, includes 120 specimens and 466 varieties.

CUSTOM OF ORIENTAL NATIONS.

Salute by Kissing the Foot Is as Old as History.

The custom of kissing the feet of persons whom it was desired to honor originated with the ancients. The people of oriental nations used to kiss the hands, and feet, or hems of the clothes of the persons they wished to show respect for.

The ancient Egyptians got this custom from the Assyrians, and later the Greeks adopted the habit from the Egyptians. The Romans followed the Greeks, and then Pontifical Maxims had his great toe kissed by celebrities.

The story will be remembered of the old British ruler who appeared to do homage to a Roman monk after the conquest of Britain. He was told that it was customary to kiss the foot of the holy father. He hesitated for a moment and then, bending down, he suddenly seized the monk by the ankle and, jerking it up to his lips, topped the worthy father over backward.

The toe of the sultan of Turkey is kissed by subjects of high rank. Those of more lowly position are merely allowed to touch the fringe of his garment to their lips, and the poorest classes must be content to make a low obeisance in his presence.—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Playing at Divorce.
A curious side light is thrown upon the divorce question in America. A mother came into the room and found her two children quarreling about a doll. She said: "You must stop quarreling, or I shall take the doll away." "We aren't really quarreling, mamma," said one of the little girls, "we're playing Jennie's suing me for divorce, and were trying to decide who'll have the custody of the child." When it is remembered that 1,200,000 divorces have been recorded in the United States in a period of 30 years, perhaps it is not surprising that children should play at divorce as they play at going to school.—Dundee Advertiser.

What Becomes of Them.
Philosophers arise upon all sides—pessimists, idealists, strict positivists, eans, epicureans, positivists, empiricists and materialists. They arise and flap their shimmering wings and they fade into mere incoherence. The tidal wave of time—clammy, cruel and inevitable—sweeps over their forgotten biers. Their souls are absorbed in the thin ether of the illimitable cosmos. They speak their little pieces, dodge the ever-hurling egg, and their shut up forever. Mas'

Health and Cooking.
Good cooking is rapidly becoming a lost art. They who prepare the food for the world decide the health of the world. They have duty to go on some basis with the hotels of the United States and Great Britain to appreciate the fact that a vast multitude of the human race are slaughtered by incompetent cooks. Though a young woman may have taken lessons in music, and may have taken lessons in painting, and lessons in astronomy, she is not well educated unless she has taken lessons in dough.

The Ruling Passion.
They had just established a telephone exchange in the circus and engaged a puffed and pompous young woman to take charge of it. The point of the Nubian desert had suffered from an attack of indigestion and the doctor of the show called up and asked how he was.

The young woman looked around and saw that the noble brute was snarling and snarling over his breakfast.

"Lion's busy," she answered and hung off.

Unwelcome Gift.
Gunner—Why in the world is Barker looking so angry these days?
Gayer—Why, they had a wooden wedding down to his house about a month ago and he's been worked up ever since.

Gunner—What about? I thought a wooden wedding was a joyous occasion?
Gayer—Not this one. Some one presented him with a wooden snow shovel and his wife has been making him use it ever since.

ESTATE OF SILVIO POLACCI, LATE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH CHARLEROI, PENNSYLVANIA, DECEASED.
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Letters of administration, c. t. n. in the above estate of the above decedent having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims or demands against the estate of said decedent are requested to make the same known without delay to CHARLES POLACCI, Administrator, c. t. n., 100 N. 4th St., D. M. McCORMY, Attorney, 100 N. 4th St., Phila.

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ROULETTE PLAYED WITH SPOOL. CREAM PUFFS NOT SATISFYING.

Newsboys' Game Which Has Small Chances for the Plungers.

Perhaps it isn't an entirely new game, but it was the first time that the wayfarer had seen it, says the New York Sun.

A group of newsboys were gathered about another boy who had an improvised top made of a spool placed by a sharpened skewer. The spool was so cut that it presented four square sides, each marked with a letter. The letters were P, T, N, and A. The boy with the top spun it, while the others made wagers, mostly in cents. When the top came to rest it naturally fell on one of the square sides.

"What does it mean?" asked the wayfarer.

"Well," said one of the boys, "according to the way the top falls you can make or lose the money you put up. If it drops on P then you put in a sum equal to what you bet for the fellow who runs the wheel. If it falls on T then you can take back the stake you put up."

"If it comes on N that means none. You lose just what you put up. If it comes on A then the banker has to pay all the men who are playing."

The spool roulette wheel did a fine business for the banker while the on-looker was there.

SHE HAD SUBSTITUTE AT HAND.

The Head of the Family Stood Ready to Meet an Emergency.

In one of New York's largest night schools a woman entered not long ago with her husband and son. She announced that she wished to send her son to the school.

"What is his name?" asked the man at the desk.

Husband tried to answer, but he was waved aside by his wife.

"Samuel," came the reply.

Several more questions were put and answered invariably by mother, in spite of father's weak attempts to have his say.

Finally came the question: "How old is he?"

Having once more squelched her husband, the woman replied: "Twelve years."

"Twelve?" said the man at the desk. "In that case he is too young to be admitted."

"Too young?" Her face betrayed great dismay. An idea came. She smiled blandly at the school official. "All right. Then I'll send my husband."

Lanterns in China.

The Chinese people are great users of candles, or rather what used to be known in America as "tallow dips." These are an inferior quality of candle which are locally manufactured, with a wick consisting of a straw soaked in some inflammable material, the straw projecting from the lower end of the candle for a distance of two or three inches. The actual candle is not more than four or five inches in length, though larger ones are made for use on the sacrificial altars. In large lanterns, etc. The candles are of a peculiar Chinese shape, about five-eighths of an inch at the top, tapering at the bottom, from which the straw wick projects. The hole in the straw gives an opportunity to stick these on a small wire spike which projects from the center of all Chinese candlesticks, and which holds the candle in an upright position.

A Canine Curia.

Two or three dogs are nearly always to be found loafing about every blacksmith's shop. This fact is so well recognized that detectives, when sent out after valuable dogs that have been lost, invariably look first of all the blacksmith's shops in the neighborhood. The reason why the dogs frequent the blacksmith's shops is that they love to look at the odor and the taste of burning hoofs. They sniff the odor as a woman sniffs a rose, and they eat the hoof shavings as a gourmet eats truffles. Landseer, the great animal painter, knew this odd fact well, and in his famous picture of "The Smith's Shop," a dog in the foreground is greedily munching shavings of toasted hoof.

Statesman's Confessions.

For all his caustic wit, Thomas R. Reed of Maine was as tender of heart as large of frame. He was not much of a hunter. "I never shot but one bird in my life," he once confessed. "I spent a whole day doing that. It was a sandpiper. I chased him for hours up and down a mill stream. When at last I potted him and held him up by one of his poor little legs, I never felt more ashamed of myself in all my life. I hid him in my coat-tail pocket for fear somebody would see how big I was and how small the victim, and I never will be guilty again of the cowardice of such an unequal battle."—Woman's Companion.

Post-Graduate Work.

"When you graduate from that cooking school," asked Tess, "do you get a diploma?" "Sometimes," replied Jess, "you get a certificate for a post-graduate course." "A certificate?" "Yes, a marriage certificate."

DANCING

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Made Somewhat Meager Repast for Hungry Traveler.

"The hungriest I ever was in my life," remarked one Bert Foster, well known Cleveland traveler and columnist, the other day, "was at a little station down in Texas one day where the train stopped five minutes for luncheon. I went in and grabbed up a couple of sandwiches—the last ones they had—and the only things I saw on the counter that were eatable, and then rushed back on the train, for if I missed the train, I would have had to stay there over night. The sandwiches were all that stood between me and starvation, for there was no dining car on the train and the next stop where one could buy things to eat was about 150 miles farther on. You can figure it out for yourself how anxious I was to get after the two sandwiches. I bit into one of them and what do you think the sandwich was? It was a cream puff. Two cream puffs—that I had thought were sandwiches. That was all that I had to fill up the great void in my insides. I might as well have had a couple of hickory nuts. Nice jolly situation for a starving man, that wasn't it?"

GREAT CONDUCTOR HAD HUMOR.

Witty and Genial Remarks Credited to Dr. Hans Richter.

Countless are the stories of the geniality of Dr. Hans Richter, the famous musician. While rehearsing a Mozart symphony in which the first violins had a number of delicate trills and turns to perform, these were played too heavily for Richter, who said:

"Please, gentlemen, pianissimo, Queen Mab—not suffragettes."

Again, when on one occasion Richter was not thoroughly satisfied with the orchestra rendering of a scene from "Tristan and Isolde," he stopped the rehearsal and asked for more dignity in the playing, adding that Isolde was the daughter of a king, not of a cook. On another occasion, while rehearsing Tchaikowsky's "Romeo and Juliet" music, the violoncellos had a very passionate melody to play. Richter was by no means satisfied that the needful warmth of expression had been obtained.

"Gentlemen, gentlemen," said he, "you all play like married men, not lovers."

HURT GREAT ARTIST'S FEELINGS

John Lambert's Witty Rebuke to Vain Woman Sitter.

The late John Lambert, the Philadelphia artist, whose blindness, brought on by the dazzling sunshine of a Spanish summer, caused his death through grief, was a portrait painter of rare talent.

"Lambert," said a member of the Philadelphia club the other day, "was a realist. His portraits were true and unflattering. It annoyed him tremendously to be asked to make an ugly woman beautiful—it was the same thing, he used to say, as being asked to lie."

"A matron sat to Lambert once. At the end of the third sitting she professed to be quite satisfied with the progress of the work."

"All but the mouth," she said. "Please make it small and curved. I know it is a straight, long mouth, really, just as you have drawn it, but in the portrait I want you, if you will, to make it very tiny. Will you?"

"Certainly, madam," said Lambert. "I'll leave it out altogether, if you wish."

Photography.

Practical photography first saw the light in 1827. On February 21 of that year Talbot, who had obtained permanent prints and camera lenses as early as 1815, published his process. Daguerre's was published on August 19, and somewhere between those two dates Ponton, a painter, read at the Royal Scottish Society of Arts, made known to the world his discovery that soluble organic matter in the presence of an alkaline bicarbonate, was rendered insoluble by exposure to light—a discovery the value of which was not recognized for some years, but which is the basis of all that is included in process work.—New York American.

Cheap Home-Made Barometer.

A weather man described the other day a cheap home-made barometer. He said it was only necessary to take a piece of string about 15 inches long and to soak it several hours in a strong solution of salt and water. After being dried the string should have a light weight tied to one end and be hung up against a wall, a mark being made to show where the weight reaches. The barometer is now complete. It is as accurate as a \$100 instrument. The weight rises for wet weather and falls for fine.

A Distinction.

Five-year-old Deborah had been invited to take luncheon at a restaurant with Miss K.

"Do you like cocoa?" she was asked. When the answer was "Yes," the beverage was duly brought, but remained untasted.

At last, Miss K. said, "Why don't you drink your cocoa, Deborah, when you said you wanted it?" "I didn't say I wanted it," replied the child, politely. "I only said I liked it."—Woman's Home Companion.

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LION TAMER TALKS OF PETS.

Timid Animals Less to His Liking Than the Pugnacious Ones.

A lion tamer, over his midnight supper, talked shop.

"The timid lion is the only one I fear," he said. "The fierce, pugnacious lion is my joy. What a show he gives the people for their money! Growing hideously, wrinkling his great face in dreadful snarls, gnashing his teeth and threatening to strike me with his paw, he goes through his tricks, and the audience is held in a delicious suspense, half hoping, half fearing, that the big brute will chew me up before their eyes."

"Yes, the fierce lion assures a fine attractive turn. But the timid one?"

"The timid lion, just when you want to give your best show, will whimper with terror at the crack of the whip, and sink off to the farthest corner of the cage, and, turning its back to you, lie down and bury its face in its paws. Gelenna!"

"But, say, do you know what I've been known to do? I've been known to dope up timid lions. Yes, sir. Doped them up till they were maniacal. That's dangerous, too. Batty like that, they might do for you."

JOKE ON POMPOUS OFFICIAL

Judge Evidently Was No Admirer of Red Tape Methods.

One of the secretaries to our embassy at London relates how a question arose as to the cost of heating one of the Irish law courts. A consequential treasury official was detailed from London to look into the matter.

When he introduced himself to the judge within whose jurisdiction the matter lay, the judge, who, by the way, frequently evinced a great scorn of red tape, smiled with suspicious blandness.

"Certainly," said his honor, "I will put you in communication with the person immediately in charge of that department."

Whereupon he scribbled a few words on a piece of paper and gave it to a messenger. In a short time an amazed charwoman entered. The judge then arose and, as he left the room, said: "Rosie here is the young man to see about the coal."—Harpur's Weekly.

Hypnotism.

The actual foundation of modern hypnotic suggestion was discovered by Liebig of Nancy, the famous "father of the therapeutic application of suggestion." After several years of practical experience, in 1856, Liebig wrote his first book on the subject. It was shelved and he was called a lunatic. Hypnotism remained a curiosity and Liebig's book was not reproduced till six years after Charcot, in 1875, began his study of hypnotism. In 1881 Bernheim wrote his work on suggestion and created a demand for Liebig's book, which then gave him his lasting reputation.—New York American.

Test for Hydrochloric Acid.

A curious mishap has given us a delicate test for hydrochloric acid in the atmosphere. In a North of England locality many houses have curtains of the cream color produced by metallic dye, popularly known as "dolly" cream dye and to science as "the sodium salt of meta-amido-benzene sulphonic acid azo-diphenylamine." Some of these cream-colored curtains suddenly changed to heliotrope. Investigation showed that an accidental escape of hydrochloric acid from a neighboring alkali plant had discolored the curtains and the dye became a most useful test.

Smart Preacher.

Little four-year-old Carrie went with her aunt to church. The preacher was very earnest in his delivery, and she was much interested. "Mother," said she, when she came home, "I've heard such a smart minister. He stamped and pounded, and made such a noise, and then he got so mad he shook his fists at the folks, and there wasn't anybody dared go up and fight him."

ALLOWED TO CHOOSE MATE.

Privilege That is Accorded to French Female Convicts.

French female convicts have one privilege that female convicts of other countries do not enjoy—they are allowed to get married. But the husbands must also be convicts. Every six months a notice is circulated in the female penitentiaries calling upon all women who feel minded to go out to New Caledonia, in the South Pacific and be married to make application to that effect through the governor. Elderly women are said to be prompt in making such applications, but they are not entertained, as the candidates must be young and exempt from physical infirmities. The selected candidates have to sign engagements promising to marry convicts and settle in New Caledonia for the remainder of their lives. On these conditions the government transports them and gives them an outfit and a ticket-of-leave when they land at Noumea. Their marriages are arranged for them by the governor of the colony, who has a selection of well-behaved convicts for them to choose from, and each girl may consult her own fancy within certain limits, for the proportion of marriageable men to women is about three to one. Sometimes wardens or free settlers have wooed a pretty female convict, but before being permitted to marry her must place themselves in the position of a ticket-of-leave man and undertake never to leave the colony.—The Pathfinder.

Life Judged by Failures.

Life is often best judged by its failures. What we attempt is frequently much more important than what we do. The result of the famous Charge of the Light Brigade was more glorious than if they had captured some strong position in disobedience to the commands of the officers whom they had sworn to obey. It is not necessary to go as far as Stevenson did when he said that, whatever else we are meant for, we are not meant to succeed. But it is necessary to recognize that we are meant to be true, successful or not. It may be a nobler thing to lead in vain a forlorn hope than to plant our colors on the very citadel of the enemy. Failure to be faithful is the only failure.—Sunday School Times.

From Li Hung Chang.

Impertinent questions to others, or comments on their appearance, mark bad breeding, and lead to sharp rebukes.

Li Hung Chang, the famous Chinaman, while visiting this country was known for the keenness of his wit and the fineness of his courtesies. One day when he was calling upon an American lady her little boy, who had been looking sharply at him, said:

"Say, mister, how few hairs you have!"

"And, my little man," said Li, patting him on the head, "how few manners you have!"

Tricked of the Time.

A Philadelphia lawyer, who spends most of his time at his country estate, employs a sturdy Irish gardener whose one desire in life is to live until the banner of freedom is unfurled over Ireland.

One evening the lawyer strolled through the grounds of his place and stopped to have a chat with the gardener.

"Michael, do you know that while we are here enjoying the beautiful twilight it is dark midnight in Ireland?" he asked.

"Faith, an' Oi'm not surprised," replied the gardener. "Ireland never got justice yet."—Judge.

A Master Stroke.

"Is your daughter as smart as her old dad?" "Smart? Going to marry a duke?" "Is that smart?" "In this case, yes. Love match; gets him for nothing."

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BOLD BURGLARLY AT VESTA EARLY SATURDAY NIGHT

After Taking Savings of
Family, Fiend Strangles
Woman

BLOODHOUND TAKEN UP

Owing to Number That Had
Tracked Over Surface
Could Find No Clue

On Saturday night a most daring burglary was perpetrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Ikenen, a well to do Finish family of Vesta, and the sum of \$360 was taken from a trunk in an upstairs room. The robbery took place at about ten o'clock, before the family had retired for the night. Mrs. Ikenen, who discovered the presence of the marauder was caught by him and strangled until she was unconscious, after which she was cast to the floor, to remain several minutes after his escape.

The Ikenen family kept boarders. Some of these together with the head of the house were sitting in the living room downstairs, when the burglary occurred. It is not known in what manner the man made his entrance, but it is supposed slipped in a side door and went up stairs at once. Mrs. Ikenen was in an adjoining room to where the trunk containing the savings was big, but noticed no noise to indicate the entrance of any one in the room.

Having finished the little work which she was doing in her room, she opened the door to go down stairs, at the same time that the burglar was making his exit. She was frightened, but before she could utter a sound he had her by the throat and was rapidly choking her into insensibility. Having finished this brutal work, he sneaked out in presumably the same way he came.

Noticing his wife's continued absence in the upper chamber, Mr. Ikenen, leaving his guests, went up the stairs, and almost stumbled over the prostrate form of the woman. He called others from the room below, and she was carried to a cot where with stimulants and water she was revived. She told her story and a search was made, but nothing could be found of the marauder. The entire amount that had been hidden in the trunk was discovered missing, but there were no evidences of anything else having been disturbed, showing that the thief, whoever he was had a knowledge of the place where the money was concealed.

Shortly after midnight the police of Charleroi were notified of the robbery and requested to bring the bloodhound. The dog, O'Hagan, was taken up by policeman McEldowney, and W. H. Riggie. It was taken thoroughly over the ground, but it was impossible to establish any clues. Investigations will continue however by the police along the valley, who have been notified.

The man is described as small in stature, probably about 5 feet, 4 inches tall, weighing about 125 or 130 pounds, and wearing a black suit. Mrs. Ikenen says that he had a black face, but it is very possible that it was someone who had thus disguised himself to prevent discovery of his identity. It is this late theory that the police are working on. The evident knowledge of the man of where the savings of the household were

SOCIAL EVENTS OF CHARLEROI

Euchre and Dance.
St. Jerome's congregation will hold a euchre and dance Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, in Turner hall, corner McKean avenue and Seventh street. Great preparations are being made to make the affair one of the most pleasant social events of the season.

Some very handsome favors will be awarded at the euchre and will be placed on exhibition in J. W. Carroll's drug store window about Wednesday of this week.

The following gentlemen have charge of the affair: Messrs. Patrick Connelly, John Rickey, Cornelius Minehan, George Bailey, Andrew Keifer, John W. Carroll, Albert Hanus, Edward Didot, Joseph Didot, Jr., Patrick Aikton, and Patrick Fox.

Refreshments can be had by any desiring same.

The L. C. B. A. will also take a prominent part in the affair.

Jenkins and his popular orchestra will furnish the music for the dancing.

Will Hold Social Session

Branch No. 732 of the L. C. B. A. will have a social session Wednesday evening after their meeting for which the leaders are making great preparations.

Music, games and euchre will be the diversions. Lunch will also be served. The married ladies are privileged to have their husbands, while the unmarried ladies can have their gentlemen friends.

A good time is anticipated.

Invitations For Dance.

Invitations for the second dance of the season of The Bachelor's club of Monessen has been issued, the affair to be given on Friday evening, February 19, in Kelly's hall, Monessen. Rutter's orchestra will furnish the music. The committee is composed of the following young men: J. I. Smith, G. J. Lambert, J. H. Finson, Carl Woodward and M. A. Gerald.

Among the social events of the season was a prettily arranged valentine party given by Mrs. H. L. Pierce and Mrs. J. L. Pierce at their home, North Charleroi, Saturday evening. Five tables were used for cards and favors were awarded. The house was most attractively decorated with red and white hearts and carnations, the color scheme being carried out in the luncheon. A concealed Italian orchestra upon signal from the head table by the hostess furnished an excellent program.

Mrs. Charles Finkbeiner entertained on Saturday evening at her home on Washington avenue a number of young people at a Valentine party. There were about 35 guests present, many coming from out of town and it was a most enjoyable event. The house was nicely decorated with a profusion of red, heart-shaped cards and flowers. Among the principal features of the evening's entertainment was a post card contest. For the winners of this there were prizes awarded, both to the ladies and gentlemen. Another feature

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kept goes to prove that it was a countryman of the Ikenen family who committed the deed.

LARGEST IN VALLEY

Such Will be Berryman's
Store When Present Plans
Are Completed

ROOMS ON SECOND FLOOR FITTED UP

Extensive improvements are being made at the store of J. W. Berryman and Son, and the floor space is being increased, so that when his entire store is opened, it will be one of the largest if not the largest in the Monongahela Valley, this side of Pittsburgh. The carpet department is where there is being the greatest change, and the stock that will be carried in this popular store will in both quantity and quality be second to none in the valley.

By arrangements made recently the store will not only occupy the greatest part of the first floor of the Masonic building but will also have the largest part of the second floor. The rooms are now being fitted up in the second story and much of the carpet which will be carried in stock has been placed therein. The rooms occupied by the Berryman firm on the second floor of the building will be Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. This as can be readily seen will give a floor space that is not to be found in any carpet house in the valley.

The new part will be devoted exclusively to carpets and rugs, and an immense stock will be carried. There will be a room for the sewing and fitting, and everything will be most up-to-date. The manager of this department will be Mr. Clark, an experienced man in this work. An entrance has been cut from the cloak and millinery department on McKean avenue to the new section.

A portion of the McKean avenue building will be devoted to the millinery department. This will be in the front. At the back of this room which was formerly used for carpets, will be the cloak and coat department. There will be some general changes on the first floor, downstairs, but the departments will be practically the same.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF FIRST DEGREE

The First Degree was exemplified upon Charleroi and Fayette City members of the I. O. O. F. on Saturday evening at Fayette City. A big delegation of visitors were present and a most enjoyable time was had.

J. W. McKean has to vacate the room he has been located in for 14 years and he is offering his entire stock at cost.

Spoons at cost at McKean's. 1581

CONSPIRACY CASE UP

Courts Will be Busy for
The Coming
Week

MUCH INTEREST IN LENHART CASE

Two cases are listed for trial in criminal court this week, conspiracy being the charge in both. Before Judge Taylor will be called this afternoon the case of the commonwealth against W. L. Lenhart charged with conspiracy. Before Judge McIlvaine will be called the case of the commonwealth against G. S. Fleming, M. J. West and Joseph Edwards, employees of the Vesta Coal company, near California. Mr. Fleming is in charge of the company store, Mr. West is a pay clerk and Mr. Edwards a mine boss. The private prosecutors are Charles Baum and August Baum. They allege the three defendants conspired to beat them out of some money due and owing them.

Everything is in readiness for the calling of the Lenhart trial this afternoon. It is expected that today will be taken up with securing a jury. Lenhart has been in Washington for the past week and in conference with his attorneys. Witnesses for the commonwealth have also been present ready for the calling of the case.

It is expected that it will take the greater part of the week.

When court adjourned on Saturday the jury was out in the case of the commonwealth against D. J. Wilkowski and Mrs. Wilkowski, charged with assault resulting from a dispute over the line fence. The jury agreed shortly after the noon hour Saturday and a sealed verdict will be returned this afternoon.

Dunn.

Monongahela, Feb. 15.—Justice of the Peace Daniel S. Dunn, one of the most widely known residents of Monongahela valley, died last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nannie Seacrist, Sonny-side. He was born in Westmoreland township on July 28, 1834, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lot Dunn.

He is survived by the following children: John W. Dunn, of Gallatin; Mrs. Ada Robison, of Douglass Hall; Mrs. Mary E. Tott, of Nelsonville, O., and Miss Nannie Seacrist, of Monongahela. Twenty grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive. The funeral will be held Monday at 10 a. m. and the interment will be made in the Monongahela cemetery.

Marxen.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marxen of 322 Fellowship avenue died at the home yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment in the Charleroi cemetery.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS AT BLACK DIAMOND MINES

TWO WEDDINGS AND
NINE ARRESTS MADE

Just because there was to be a marriage today of a Polish couple living on Lincoln avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth street, and the musicians for the dance to follow, were tuning up and the persons who had happened in for beforehand congratulations, simply couldn't keep from dancing, was the cause of five foreigners being arrested yesterday, and taken to the police station by Chief Albright and Officer Higgins. They got there just in time to see Burgess Hott, and after hearing their woes, sentenced them each to pay \$1 and costs.

A wedding occurred on Saturday night at a house on McKean avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, and of course the dance followed after. Being in unusually exuberant spirits, four members of the wedding party stepped outside to indulge in a little scrap, only to be taken by the police, Chief Albright and Officer Higgins. They were brought to the station house and upon the leaving of a forfeit of \$5 were let off until tonight. Their names are John Polsohiski, John Stancia, Mike Castolasky and Frank Marinovitch, all Polish. The former two are said to be "bad men," and one of them has served a term for the stabbing of a man sometime ago.

CHARLEROI BOY TO JOIN THE MARINES

Ora Anderson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Anderson of Crest avenue has left for Philadelphia, where he will become a marine. Mr. Anderson will train for a gunner. At present he is located in the barracks at Philadelphia, but in the course of a month or so expects to be placed on a boat. It is likely that Mr. Anderson will be in Washington by the Fourth of March to attend the inauguration of President Taft.

RECORD SHIPMENT OF EXPRESS MADE TODAY

A record shipment was made this morning by the local express office, when there was 13,122 pounds of meat sent on the 8:18 train for up river points. This is the distribution office of both the Cudahy and Armour firms, and the shipments of meat are heavy on Mondays and Fridays, but never was there a single shipment so heavy as that of this morning. The loading of the express at this train held it up for several minutes.

The Best on the Road.

Tonight at the Coyle theatre will appear the best and the most talked of burlesque on the road. This is "The Strolling Players" and "The Golden Crook", two burlesques in one. The show will be replete with magnificent costumes, and pretty girls, and best but not last the original "She," a dancer of ability and note. The production was given at Monessen on Saturday night and listened to by a large audience.

J. W. McKean is closing out his stock of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry at cost.



trifle with

One of the New Entries to be
Made at Lock No.
Four

MUCH NEW MACHINERY

New Stein Fan to be Run
by Boswell Engines to
be Used

At the Black Diamond mine of the Monongahela Coke company, extensive improvements are being made, which when completed will make the workings up-to-date in every possible manner and second to none in the valley. The work is under the able directions of Superintendent Mathew Herron and Mine Foreman Charles Johnson.

A large new eight foot Stein fan will be installed and will be run by steam power, furnished from a Boswell engine. This fan will be located at Lock No. 4. The entry which was recently dug near Lock No. 4 was pushed to the daylight. There will be three main splits to this entry with three intakes, to be located at Lock No. 4, at Eldora Park, near the street car line and at Room 13, of the 7th entry. The new Stein fan will work in conjunction with the present big air maker and when completed the air will be carried to every part of the mine by overcasts, which will eliminate all doors. This will do much to prevent accidents and will make the mine much safer.

Men are at work putting in forty-one concrete stoppings to take the place of present brattice boards in various parts of the mine and when these are completed there will be but few brattice boards in the mine.

MONROE MARKLEY LECTURE TONIGHT

Of Monroe Markley who is to be at the School hall tonight on the High School course the Genesee (Ill.) Republican has the following to say:

Nothing in years has received such unanimous and enthusiastic words of praise as the lecture on "Harp Strings and Heart Stings" which was delivered here by Monroe Markley, D. D., last Friday evening. The speaker has a magnetism of manner and command of expressive and picturesque language which charmed the great audience which had assembled to hear him. The philosophy of life which pervaded the lecture is rich and sane and sweet, and sends his hearers home with happier hearts and higher ideals.

Second Sunday Lecture.

The second Sunday Lecture given by the Socialist party of Charleroi at the Co-Operative hall yesterday was on "Child Labor," by J. Schwartz a local socialist. The needlessness of child labor, its prevalence and its bearing on the social and economic questions were discussed. A goodly number attended.

If you need a good clock, now is the time to buy at wholesale price at McKean's.

A Few Minutes Slow

If your watch runs that way it means the loss of your train or the missing of your appointment, sooner or later.

If your pocket time piece doesn't show the minute correctly, there's no use keeping it. A little practice will make you just as good a time-guesser yourself.

No watch leaves the shop that hasn't been tested and regulated for months before its sale.

No guess work allowed here with time pieces—time is too precious to

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Feb. 15 in History.
1896—Destruction of the captive United
States frigate Philadelphia in the
harbor of Tripoli by a body of
picked men from the American
fleet.

1898—The United States battleship
Maine wrecked by a mysterious
explosion in the harbor of Havana;
2 officers and 264 of the crew lost
their lives.

1904—Mark A. Hanna, United States
senator from Ohio, died in Wash-
ington; born 1827.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.
Sun sets 5:30, rises 6:47; moon rises
8:50 a. m.; 3:35 p. m., moon in con-
junction with Mars, its center passing
only one minute of arc south of the
center of Mars.

GOOD EVENING.

To bring a child to the relation of
the divine nature within him seems
to me to be the highest duty of par-
ents and educators.—Canning.

By What Right?

It seems to us they do some mighty
funny and strange things over there
at the county seat, and with all that
there are some tremendously funny
and strange people who acknowledge
that town as their residence. Among
other things, that is noticeable is the
mighty will with which some of the
officials seemingly wish to rule things.

The other day a man was admitted to
bail for \$600 when he had originally
been placed by a justice of the peace
of Charleroi at \$1000. As we inter-
pret the law this was certainly wrong,
and there was no one but the justice
himself that could lawfully change
the bail, yet this man's bond was
changed. His trial came up, but he
failed to appear. Some of the
officials are blamed partially for this,
for it was stated that he could not
have raised the necessary where-
withal to get bond of the \$1,000, and
would have had to remain in jail.
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ceable.

In another matter of which we
wish to speak, Washington county is
not altogether alone. This is the
finding of a person not guilty of some
crime, but at the same time ordering
him to pay the costs. This is the
same thing as saying "Not guilty but
be careful not to do it again." If
this is justice, we fail to interpret
the word rightly. Of course the con-
stables and other officials want to get
their fees, but when the court de-
clares a man not guilty, what right
has anyone to assess the costs on
him? That in our opinion is one of
the evils of the system of the Wash-
ington county courts, as well as others
which follow the same precedent and
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Yours truly,
F. W. DEVCO and CO.
108 Buckholdt Hardware Co. tells our
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There has been a gang of burglars
operating in the vicinity of Burgers-
ville in the past few weeks, and from
the latest evidence at hand they live
in a cave near Brownsville. This

puts one in mind of the renowned
White Rocks of Fayette county where
there is said to have lived years ago
in a cave, an organized band of
thieves, who made trips to the river
and towns in Western Pennsylvania
and committed robberies, as well as
highwaymen acts. They did not even
stop to murder, if they could not gain
their desires in any other way.

The band which is infesting the
cave along the valley is seemingly
well organized, and evidence is hard
to find against them. The state po-
lice are working hard, and it is for
such things that they are employed by
the taxpayers. If they locate the
evil doers, and convict them, more
then the Brownsville residents will
rejoice.

Electric Sparks
While making plans for the levy-
ing of heavier taxes in order to meet
the state's growing expenses, the
legislature is getting ready to appro-
priate \$4,000 to take itself down to
Washington for the inauguration.
Uh huh.

Carnegie has been elected president
of the Optimist club. Almost any
man would be an optimist if he had
a few hundred millions in his jeans.

One eminent scientist puts the
maximum age of the earth at 100,000,
000 years; another at 15,000,000,000.
But, then, after you have passed the
first hundred millions a little matter
of 14,900,000,000 more is not hard to
swallow.

London is to have the opportunity
next month to trade in a department
store. By industry London may in
time hope to be fully up to date.

A Connecticut woman dying, left
\$40,000 to her horses, dogs and cats,
instead of her husband. Well, if
legacies were based strictly on moral
equities, there'd be a lot more dogs
with gold collars and a lot more men
with celluloid ones.

President-elect Taft seems to have
obtained very positive information
that the Panama Canal panic-mongers
don't know what they are talking
about.

In the agitation over immoral stage
performances it might be worth while
to remember that an effective way to
suppress them is to stay away from
them.

The Emperor of Germany and King
of England have clasped hands and
kissed each other; but they keep on
building battleships just the same.

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